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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

TUESDAY, THE TWENTY FOURTH DAY OF MAY
TWO THOUSAND AND FIVE

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE V.ESWARAIAH

and
THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE K.C. BHANU

WRIT PETITION NO : 11528 of 2005

Between:

1 M.Srinivas, S/o. Pentoji,
(Regd.no. 1839), Office at 16-11-310/14/5/1B,
Malakpet, Hyderabad.
2 Bogga Mallesh, , S/o. B.Lingaiah,

Sockets and Handkerchief Vendor,
R/o. Panchavati Colony, Medipally, Near Uppal depot, Hyderabad, President , Maruguchi Association, Regd.No.1524/2003 Office at Panchavti Colony, Medipally, Near Uppal Depot , Hyderabad.

..... PETITIONERS

AND

1 The Election Commission of India, rep.by Chief Election Commissioner,
Nirvachansadan, Ashok Road,
New Delhi.
2 The Chief Electoral Officer, A.P. Secretariat,
Hyderabad.
3 The Returning Officer,
166, Penukonda Assembly Constituency cum RDO, Penukonda
Ananthapur District.
4 The Principal Secretary to Govt., of A.P.,
General Administration Dept., Govt., of A.P.,
Hyderabad.
5 The Superintendent of Police,
Ananthapur District.

.....RESPONDENTS

Petition under Article 226 of the constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the Affidavit filed herein the High Court will be pleased to issue an appropriate writ, order or direction more particularly one in the nature of writ of mandamus by providing disabled friendly poling booths by constructing appropriate and adequate, ramps, Separate queues for the persons with disability and affixing stickers on the electronic voting machine and any other mode of the visually challenged persons and pass such other order or orders in the circumstances of the case.

Counsel for the Petitioners:MR.M.A.SHAKEEL

Counsel for the Respondent No. 1 : Sri C.P. Sarathy

Counsel for the Respondent Nos. 2 to 5: G.P. for General Administration

The Court made the following Oral Order: (per Sri K.C. Bhanu,J)

In this writ petition, the petitioner seeks a direction to the respondents to

provide disabled friendly polling booths by constructing appropriate and adequate ramps; separate queues for the persons with disability and to affix stickers on the electronic voting machines and any other mode of the visually challenged persons.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and the learned counsel for the respondents.

The Election Commission of India has to take appropriate decision in the matter in accordance with the rules and regulations.

In the circumstances, without entering into the merits of the case, the writ petition is disposed of directing the Chief Electoral Officer, A.P. Secretariat, Hyderabad, the 2nd respondent herein to take appropriate action in pursuance of the representation of the petitioner dated 20.5.2005, if it is pending with him.

The writ petition is accordingly disposed of. No costs.

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V. ESWARAIAH, J

Dt. 24-5-2005

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K.C.BHANU, J

Note: Furnish c.c. in two days

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To

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